

Late 1800's

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James Starrett House  
409 Green Spring Valley Road  
Garrison, Maryland 21055  
private-home

The James Starrett house forms part of the Chattalonnee Black community which rests on part of the Cliffholm estate. It is probable that the house existed prior to the 1890's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

James Starrett House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

409 Green Spring Valley Road

Second

CITY, TOWN

Garrison

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James Starrett

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

409 Green Spring Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Garrison

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD. 21055

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 2345

Folio #: 473

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

**JAMES STARRETT HOUSE**

Description

The JAMES STARRETT HOUSE is a two storey frame house, closely oriented to the road, its principal facade to the west. Three bays in length, its west facade is sheltered by a one-storey shed-roofed porch. A similarly shaped addition extends across the east facade. The principal entrance is centered and it has a transom. Typical windows are 2/2 with narrow frames. Aluminium siding covers the original wood of the exterior walls. The gabled roof extends over all walls with a wide eave and rake overhang; it is covered with asphalt shingles.

The interior of this house was not inspected.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Significance

The JAMES STARRETT HOUSE is a traditional house dating from the late nineteenth century, its basic simplicity void of the influences of current style.

James E. Starrett (Sterrett) and his wife Anna became co-tenants of this house after Jonas S. Jones and wife Emma P. granted them sole possession of this property in 1953.<sup>1</sup> Earlier, the two couples had received 1/2 undivided interest each in a deed conveyed to them by Basil B. Bowen in 1941.<sup>2</sup> This lot is described as being part of a parcel which Basil B. Bowen bought at a public auction for \$215 on February 26, 1889 and was "known as part of the Cliffholm estate called the Church lot."<sup>3</sup> It contained 1 1/4 acres.

At this auction Bowen also bought 1 1/4 acre lot known as the "School House lot" which also had belonged to the Cliffholm estate. John Bowen had bought this part of the estate from Philip Share in 1863 for \$1837.50.<sup>4</sup>

The 1918 tax roll indicates Basil Bowen paid \$200 for the 50 by 200 foot lot "located on Green Spring Valley Road 350 degrees north of the Pennsylvania Railroad". The house (16 by 30 feet) and stable (16 by 16 feet) were assessed for \$840.<sup>5</sup>

The 1896 tax roll confirms the existence of a frame house which was assessed at \$600.<sup>6</sup>

James Starrett House Footnotes

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1. Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), Liber 2345, fol. 473, Towson Court House, Towson Maryland.
2. BCLR, Liber CWB Jr. 1134, fol. 524, Towson.
3. Ibid., Liber JWS 175, fol. 55.
4. Ibid., Liber JHL 45, fol. 65.
5. 1918 Tax Roll, Towson Court House, Towson, Maryland.
6. 1896 Tax Roll, Towson Court House, Towson, Maryland.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Adjacent to southeast corner of GreenSpring Valley Road and Railroad Ave.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

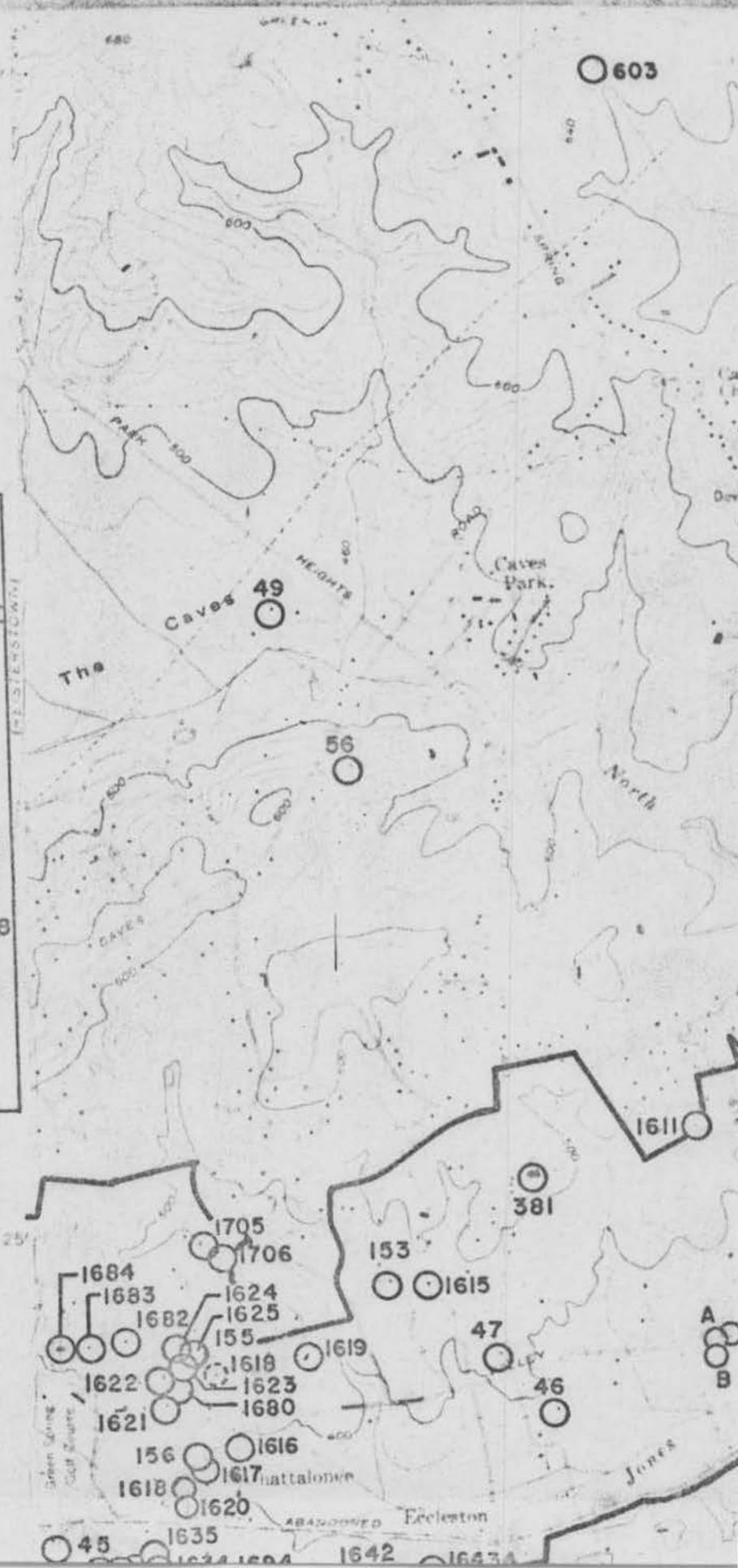
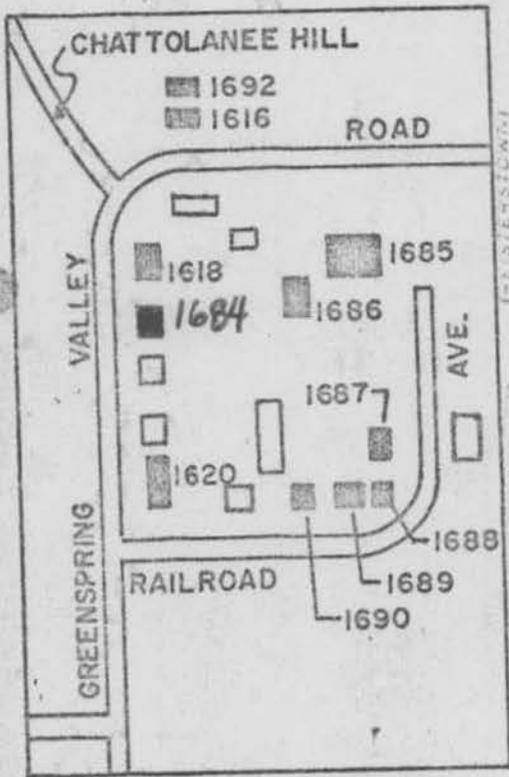
NAME / TITLE	5/30/80
James Wollon Jr. A.I.A./ Louise Wharton Pistell, Research Historian	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Valleys Planning Council	5/30/80
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
212 Washington Ave., Towson	828-7807
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Towson	MD

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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